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1. In about February or March 1952 the Chinese Communist Government decided to increase the number of regular army troops to 6,000,000 by the end of June 1952 in order to use "human-wave" tactics in their invasion of Indochina, Burma, Siam, and Malaya, and to prevent an invasion of China from Taiwan. In accordance with this decision, government authorities in Kwangtung ordered the recruiting for the army of 450,000 men and women between the ages of 18 and 35. Two hundred thousand were to be recruited by the end of April, 150,000 by 15 May, and 100,000 by 15 June. Kwangtung provincial authorities also ordered hsien governments not to permit persons between the ages of 18 and 35 years to go to Macao or Hong Kong.

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2. On 25 February 1952 the South China Military Area ordered all military sub-districts to enlist in the local militia all youths between 18 and 35 years of age except those engaged in productive work, and ordered all military sub-districts, hsien, and municipal militia headquarters to stress the importance of unified training. Militia sub-units were to be formed at the hsien and municipal levels and incorporated into larger units at the hsien level which were to be directly under the command of the military sub-districts. Trained militia were to be used as replacements for regular army troops.

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3. On 8 February the Chinese Communists started organizing an Aid Korea Women's Working Corps in Nanch'ang, Kiangsi. By 16 February one battalion of this corps had been formed consisting of three companies of 120 women per company. The battalion was to receive a three-month political training course, after which it was to be sent to the Korean front to engage in comfort work. On 22 February two battalions of this corp were formed at Ch'angsha (112-59, 28-12), Hunan.

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attended a conference in Moscow in December 1951 at which it was decided to
make a large-scale invasion of Southeast Asia in the spring of 1952. A
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